good quality service to passengers, complaints which arise from time to time are attended to promptly and remedial measures taken to redress the grievances including preventive measures and deterrent action against the persons at fault.

Year	No. of complaints	No. of cases where action taken
1993-94	361	322
1994-95	351	323
1995-96	308	268

(c) Improvement in catering service is an on-going and continuous process. Steps taken include—supply of meals in Casseroles; supply of ready to eat fast food items at stations and on trains; installation of Vending Machines to sell hot and cold beverages; undertaking food sample checks by the Medical Deptt. for lab tests to prevent food adulteration etc., training of catering staff at recognised institutions and frequent inspections by officers/staff.

Assessment Regarding Requirement and Production of Foodgrains by 2000 A.D.

2364. DR. B.B. DUTTA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment regarding the requirement and production of foodgrains in the country by 2000 A.D.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have drawnup any action plan to achieve the target;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which productivity level of various foodgrains particularly that of wheat, rice, pulses and oilseeds are proposed to be raised during the Ninth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The normative requirement of foodgrains for the country as a whole by 2000 AD has been assessed at 204.5 million tonnes. As regards the production of foodgrains, the Planning Commission in the Eighth Five Year Plan Document have projected foodgrains production for the year 2001-2002 at 245.0 million tonnes for the country.

(c) and (d) To increase the production and productivity of foodgrains in the country, the Government has been implementing various Centrally Sponsored Schemes which include Integrated Cereals Development Programmes in Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals based cropping system areas; Accelerated Maize Development Programme and National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) besides providing market and price support to the farmers.

(e) The productivity levels of foodgrains and oilseeds would be examined while finalising the Ninth Five Year Plan by the Planning Commission.

National Pulses Development Projects in Bihar

2365. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing the National Pulses Development Project in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) the steps Government have taken to encourage the farmers in the State to produce more pulses in the State; and

(d) the incentives being given to them for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is under implementation in Bihar State. The expenditure under the Scheme is being shared on 75:25 basis between Government of India and the State. For 1996-97, an allocation of Rs. 131.00 lakh as GOI share, has been made to the State.

(c) and (d) In order to encourage the farmers to produce more pulses, the incentives are being provided to them on the use of certified seeds, seed treating chemicals,